

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 897**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2606**

**By Bunch**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 2484**

**By Bell**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 18, relative to the posting of nonsmoking areas and facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1805, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a place of worship.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1802, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) "Place of worship" means any enclosed area that is:

(A) Approved, or qualified to be approved, by the state board of equalization for property tax exemption pursuant to § 67-5-212, based on ownership and use of the enclosed area by a religious institution; and

(B) Utilized on a regular basis by such religious institution as the site of congregational services, rites or activities communally undertaken for the purpose of worship.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 28, 2008**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 12th day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR